

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2167 - SB 2417

February 12, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the ways in which the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) may use federal funds allocated to the state to make and subsidize loans for wastewater and drinking water facilities to local governments.

Removes certain limitations on the amount of loan subsidies that may be provided to a local government in conjunction with the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Act of 1997.

Authorizes TDEC to establish a grant program to more effectively allocate funds to local governments for wastewater and drinking water facilities.

Authorizes the Commissioner of TDEC to promulgate emergency rules for loan programs if deemed necessary to make full use of available federal funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The increase in federal funds awarded to TDEC as a result of the proposed legislation is unknown; therefore, possible fiscal impacts to state and local government cannot be reasonably determined at this time.

Assumptions:

- This legislation could result in an increase in federal funds available to TDEC to allocate to local governments in order to improve wastewater and drinking water facilities.
- The amount of any increase in available federal funds that will be made available to TDEC cannot be known with any reasonable certainty.
- Subsequently, any increase in state expenditures in the form of grants to local governments or local expenditures in the form of upgrades to water utilities, cannot be known with any reasonable certainty.
- Based on information from TDEC, this legislation could result in additional workload to monitor the grant program created by this legislation; however, it is assumed any increase can be accommodated within existing resources of the department.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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